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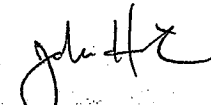
Dear Mr. Isenberg:

The South Delta Water Agency is in full support of the document entitled "A Water Plan for the 21st Century" (mainly authored by Thomas Zuckerman). Our Agency participated with other in-Delta experts in refining that document.

As an addition to that document, we call attention to the importance of managing water in the Delta in such a way that there are no stagnant reaches in any channels that are not blind channels. For example, there is no regulation requiring that there be a minimum San Joaquin inflow to the Delta. When the inflow is inadequate to meet local diversions while maintaining a net unidirectional flow in each main South Delta channel, the water depths and the salinity for agriculture and the dissolved oxygen for fish can not be controlled. Also, any plan to keep San Joaquin flows separate from Sacramento flows within the Delta would have to assure an adequate downstream flow and quality throughout each segregated system.

With that addition, SDWA believes the above Water Plan should form the basis of the Delta Vision.

Very truly yours,



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